

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GARCIA of Texas) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, You are our dwelling place. Though lives are overturned, people are forced to flee from their homes, and whole communities are being destroyed, You are their refuge.

Reveal Yourself in the kindnesses of strangers, the abundant generosity from neighboring communities, and the outpouring of support from around the world. May these stories of hospitality be a testimony to Your provision and steadfast love.

In the erosion of certainty and security, this dismantling of normal life, underneath are Your everlasting arms. The vulnerable who have lost everything, those for whom the foundations of life have eroded, catch them in Your loving embrace.

Uphold them not just by the compassion offered and the love shown but by the depth of faith shared in You and in Your salvation.

Destroy the wicked intent of the adversary. May all who endure harm this day raise the shield of Your help and wield the sword of Your righteousness.

We call upon Your strong and sovereign name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests

for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GUARANTEE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, the nation of Ukraine is dealing with an alarming crisis, a war. I have been overwhelmed by the number of images and stories of families trying to escape the terrors and war crimes being unjustly committed against the people of this country. Since February 24, more than 870,000—now we understand more than 1 million—Ukrainians have fled the country.

However, within that exodus are disturbing reports of mistreatment of Black families, Africans, and Asians as they try to evacuate a deadly war zone. This is unacceptable.

My office has been working with other members of the Congressional Black Caucus—Chairman GREG MEEKS of the Foreign Affairs Committee and BARBARA LEE of the Appropriations Committee—to determine the veracity, the specifics, and the extent of the allegations.

While we stand with Ukraine and encourage America's commitment to the Ukrainian Government, any engagement of the United States and American dollars appropriated to humanitarian efforts or lethal weapons must guarantee that all refugees, all fleeing, are treated equally. We will not move from that position.

STOP FINANCING RUSSIA'S OIL ECONOMY

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine in the face of unprovoked Russian invasion.

Vladimir Putin's war has sent millions of Ukrainians fleeing, and he is now targeting civilian populations, schools, and hospitals.

Economic sanctions have begun to cripple their economy. Private-sector companies have also isolated Russia from many aspects of the 21st century economy. But unfortunately, all economic leverage has not been utilized. We must do more.

I do not support sending American troops into this conflict. However, America can demonstrate leadership by cutting off our purchases of Russian oil. But just like on many other aspects of this crisis, President Biden is playing catch-up. He has yet to take the commonsense step of stopping American financing of Russia's oil economy.

Now more than ever, we should be massively increasing domestic oil pro-

duction. But President Biden is more focused on pandering to his far-left environmental base than making America energy independent from an enemy.

We must stop financing Russia's war on Ukraine. President Biden must act.

END TITLE 42 EXPULSIONS

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. I rise today, Madam Speaker, to urge the Biden administration to end title 42 and allow Haitian migrants to request U.S. humanitarian refuge before an asylum officer or an immigration judge in compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act. As of yesterday, we saw more than 150 Haitian migrants land on our shores in Florida seeking asylum. For the last 6 months, we have seen more and more Haitian families risk their lives to come to our borders by sea or by foot.

The United States continues to use title 42, which has been said to be a violation of title 42 by the Federal appeals court as of Friday, which they said they can't stomach seeing people being deported without due process.

So, I rise today to ask for the administration to no longer use title 42 and to allow the Haitian immigrants to actually have due process and be able to articulate their need for critical fear.

I welcome the ruling by the Federal court of appeals this past Friday, which states that the Biden administration may not expel migrants.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GLEN MCCALL

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Glen McCall of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Glen passed away peacefully on March 2 at Ottumwa Regional Health Center following a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

A native Iowan and an Army veteran, Glen and his wife, Kay, lived in Iowa for almost 60 years. He worked at CSI in Humeston as a radio technician for years and then worked as a farmer in Leon before moving to Ottumwa as an entrepreneur to open McCall Communications, a two-way radio sales and service shop. Glen and Kay ran the store for almost 40 years.

Glen was always happy to give his neighbors a helping hand and was a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Ottumwa, serving as secretary for decades.

His kindness, compassion, humor, and ever-ready smile were appreciated by all those whom he encountered.

Glen dedicated his life to serving and helping the community he loved and making Ottumwa the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Glen's wife, Kay, their children, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and all his loved ones are in my prayers.

I would also like to extend a joyful, happy 25th birthday to Caroline and Charlie Kiley.

We also stand with Ukraine.

CONTINUING THE BIDEN BOOM

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Biden boom continues.

Last month, 678,000 jobs were created, and unemployment ticked down to 3.8 percent—less than 4 percent. This follows the greatest year of job growth in American history and the fastest economic growth in nearly 40 years.

But it is not only the fact that new jobs were created, Madam Speaker. It is also the fact that they are well-paying jobs—terrific and impressive. These jobs have given Americans the dignity of a good paycheck and much-needed financial breathing room.

On the public-health front, vaccination rates have increased 50 percent since last March, making it possible for 99.9 percent of our schools to reopen and stay safely open. This is the result of strong leadership in the White House, Congress' partnership, and the backing of the American people.

Together, we are building a better America, and we are standing strong with Ukraine.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 3, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 3, 2022, at 4:35 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 198.

That the Senate passed S. 2771.

That the Senate passed S. 3103.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3665.

Appointments:

Afghanistan War Commission (5)

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, March 7, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On November 30, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Randy Weber by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Weber did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,
Chairman.
JACKIE WALORSKI,
Ranking Member.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, February 22, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On December 14, 2022, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Andrew Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On December 16, 2022, the Committee received notices of two fines imposed upon Representative Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g).

On January 13, 2022, the Committee received an appeal from Representative Clyde of the above fines pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). The appeal was received after the Committee adopted its written rules.

A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeal.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,
Chairman.
JACKIE WALORSKI,
Ranking Member.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, February 22, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On January 18, 2022, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notices of two fines imposed upon Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Greene did not file appeals with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,
Chairman.
JACKIE WALORSKI,
Ranking Member.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. GARCIA of Texas). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Ross) at 4 o'clock p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

HOMELAND SECURITY CAPABILITIES PRESERVATION ACT

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5615) to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a plan to make Federal assistance available to certain urban areas that previously received Urban Area Security Initiative funding to preserve homeland security capabilities, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5615

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Act".

SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY CAPABILITIES.

(a) PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a plan, informed by the survey information collected pursuant to subsection (b), to make Federal assistance available for at least three consecutive fiscal years to certain urban areas that in the current fiscal year did not receive grant funding under the Urban Area Security Initiative under section 2003 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604) and require continued Federal assistance for the purpose of preserving a homeland security capability related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism that had been developed or otherwise supported through prior grant funding under such Initiative and allow for such urban areas to transition to such urban areas costs of preserving such homeland security capabilities.